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This instruction provides guidance for meetings Joint Economic Commission scheduled February 10 and 12. (We lack official texts your exchange letters with Prime Minister.)

September 9 note suggested Commission as one step of "detailed arrangements under which such assistance should be provided". Peculiar circumstances behind grant particularly FOA portion have resulted agreement waive almost all normal safeguards and requirements, making definition functions Commission and responsibilities American Executive Director principal leverage available U.S. minority on Commission in directing use economic aid funds. U.S. assumption that one major responsibility Executive Director would be aid in determining feasibility cost and timing projects was important element in justifying transfer FOA funds outside usual procedures. From U.S. standpoint transfer these funds can be effected soon as formal establishment Commission completed. REFTEL silent on terms establishment but certain agenda items listed paragraph 6 relate to matters Washington wishes review before final decision.

Would appreciate your effort toward confining discussions in forthcoming meetings whether postponed or not to recommendations on (1) name Commission (2) functions

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¶2) functions to be performed by itx and ¶3) what American Executive Director should do (would expect recruitment request, see last paragraph DEPTEL 299x these terms)x and ¶4) consideration method by which Commission could receive funds. Hope you can limit discussion projects to agreement that (a) certain items are for priority consideration and (b) data on cost, method carrying outx etc. should be compiled soonest. Advisable postpone discussion second year projects.

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